



2018 Buckeye Stallion Series

Sponsored by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

\$15,000 Guaranteed purse per leg, \$40,000 Final

Nomination Payment Due: **March 15, 2018** Nomination Fee \$250

Miami Valley, Scioto Downs, and all-weather Fair Tracks.

- Nomination fee across the board for 2-and 3-year-old Ohio Sired horses \$250. Starting Fee for any leg \$250, Starting Fee for Final \$500. All nominations and starting fees will be added to the purse by age, gait & division. Nomination and Starting Fees are non-refundable.
- Qualifying Standards to start: At time of ENTRY, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements below to start a leg or final in the Buckeye Stallion Series. No allowance given from a Fair Track to a Half Mile Extended Meet Pari-mutuel Track.

	<u>Trotters</u>	<u>Trotters</u>	<u>Pacers</u>	<u>Pacers</u>
	Half- Mile	Five-Eighths	Half- Mile	Five-Eighth
2-yr-olds	2:06 or faster	2:04 or faster	2:02 or faster	2:00 or faster
3-yr-olds	2:03 or faster	2:02 or faster	1:59 or faster	1:58 or faster

- A horse nominated at one gait may move to the other gait by advising the OHHA, providing the horse has not previously raced in a leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
- A minimum of seven horses entered to start one division at Extended Pari-mutuel Meet host tracks. In any leg if fewer than seven enter the race shall be canceled and trainers notified. If more than seven enter one division, splits will occur as outlined below.
 - Splits for Half-Mile Extended Pari-mutuel Meet track would be as follows:
 - 10 Entered, one division
 - Split on the following entries: 11, 21, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64,73, etc.
 - Splits for Five-Eighths mile Extended Pari-mutuel Meet track would be as follows:
 - 11 Entered, one division
 - Splits on the following entries: 12, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, 71, etc.
- A minimum of six horses entered to start one division at Fair or Matinee host track, except as outlined below. In any leg if fewer than six enter, the race shall be canceled and trainers notified. If more than six enter one division, splits will occur as outlined below.
 - Splits for Half-Mile Fair all-weather track that starts seven or more wide shall follow the Extended Meet Pari-mutuel track formula, above for minimum starters and splits.
 - Splits for Half-Mile Fair all-weather tracks that start six wide would be as follows: Split on 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65 etc.
- Eligibility to only those foals sired by a Standardbred stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception. Horses must be registered with the United States Trotting Association before nomination.
 - Any horse starting leg one of the Ohio Sire Stakes is ineligible to start leg one of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
 - Any horse starting leg two of the Ohio Sire Stakes is ineligible to start leg two of the Buckeye Stallion Series.

- Any horse starting leg three of the Ohio Sire Stakes is ineligible to start leg three of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
- Any horse starting leg four of the Ohio Sire Stakes is ineligible to start leg four of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
- Any horse drawn into the Ohio Sire Stake Final or in the top nine (if BSS Final on a five-eighths mile track) or top eight (if BSS Final on a half mile track) in the final point's standings will be ineligible for the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
- All horses receiving points in the legs may enter the Buckeye Stallion Series Final. The highest nine (on a five-eighths mile track) or highest eight (on a half mile track) in point earning horses entered will be drawn to start in the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
 - Points will be awarded in each of the four legs of the series as follows: Win-51, Second-26, Third-13, Fourth-9, Fifth-6 and all remaining starters-1. In the event of a dead-heat, as with purse money division, horses shall receive the standard distribution of points for their particular order of finish.
 - Points shall be awarded according to any placing of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
 - Any pending appeal of a ruling issued by the judges shall not alter the placing determined by the judges. If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the last position in the Buckeye Stallion Series Final, the horse with the highest earnings in the Buckeye Stallion Series for the current year will be the last starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the last starter shall be drawn by lot.
- Only two (2) nominees from one (1) stable, owner or trainer may participate in any leg (unless more than 1 division can be written to accommodate uncoupled entries) or final. No refund will be given for third, fourth, etc. horses entered by the same connections.
- Two also-eligible horses may be drawn. The higher point winner shall be assigned also-eligible #1. If also-eligible horses tie in points, the horse with the higher Buckeye Stallion Series earnings, also-eligible #1 shall be drawn by lot. Also-eligible horses may move in if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the track hosting the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
- Cancellations. If circumstances prevent racing any leg or the Championship at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OHHA may reschedule it on another date or at another track.
- Unless otherwise specifically stated in the conditions, Ohio State Racing Commission Rules will govern. The interpretation of any of the conditions and settlement of any disputes that arise will be determined by the OHHA in their sole and complete discretion in making a final decision. The OHHA reserves the sole and exclusive right to modify, alter, amend and/ or cancel this event in its entirety.